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Marlene H Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Room 1W-A325  
Washington, D C 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
FCC Rules §54.314 - USF Affidavit**

Dear Ms Dortch

On behalf of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, Inc , a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, there is submitted herewith the carrier's annual affidavit filed pursuant to 47 U S C §54.314(b), in support of its eligibility to receive federal support during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of next year

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned

Very truly yours,



David L Nace

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CC Docket No. 96-45  
Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314  
Certification of  
**BLEDSON TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
P.O. Box 609, Pikeville, Tennessee 37367

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, John Lee Downey, President of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the President of the Cooperative's Board of Directors
2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Tennessee where local exchange service is provided by the Cooperative;
3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and
5. The Cooperative will utilize all federal high-cost USF support received in 2004 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Signature: John Lee Downey

Date: September 29, 2003

Print Name: John Lee Downey

Title: President

State of Tennessee

County of Bledsoe

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee, on this day personally appeared John Lee Downey, President, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September, 2003.

My Commission expires 4-24-04

(seal)

Lydia DeBard  
Notary Public